

# Kettler Kapers

By LEONA and AL WIMMEL

HI NEIGHBORS! Mother had her big day Sunday, an honor she has earned by toil, tribulations, and tears throughout the year. She should be honored 365 days a year, but we take her for granted too much. One mother in whose home we visited Sunday was surprised when her 8-year-old son awakened her and presented her with a beautiful box of chocolates he had bought with his own money. She was not surprised, however, when he raided the box of chocolates with two hands frequently throughout the day.

ON MOTHER'S DAY, Jack O. Baldwin, managing editor of the Torrance Herald, welcomed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Baldwin, and his grandmother, Mrs. Ida Owen, of Los Angeles, to his home at 23114 Falena avenue to celebrate his birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin's three children assisted the double celebration when it came to disposing of the birthday cake.

A BIRTHDAY AND MOTHER'S DAY were celebrated simultaneously also by neighbors across the street at 23109 Falena avenue. Mrs. Eugene Turner and her mother, Mrs. Adeline Whalley of Phoenix, Ariz., dined out Sunday with their son and grandson, Ted Ruth, on his 17th birthday. Mrs. Whalley is visiting her daughter for the summer.

CIRCLE 3-A of the Methodist Church met at the home of Mrs. Helen Bell, 23305 Falena avenue, Tuesday evening, May 9. Mrs. Emma Lou Clark was co-hostess for the ladies who did some sewing for a bazaar being planned for November and made plans for a bake sale at the Methodist Church, which was held Thursday.

Regular members attending the meeting were Mesdames Jo Devenish, Viola Gore, Camille Helphand, Jewel Holmes, Betty Morehead, Velma Piercy, Lorraine Stanton, Jerry Withycombe, Carmen Nielsen, Emma L. Lu Clark and Thelma Setzer. New members welcomed to the meeting were Mesdames Vivian Wise, Georgia Stroub, and Iris Duncan. Mrs. Riehard, a guest from Circle 3, also attended. The Rev. Clarence E. Miller of the Methodist Church of Torrance dropped in later and gave an informal talk.

The Circle wishes to invite you ladies of Kettler Knolls to attend a "Brunch Club" on May 23, between 10 and 11 a. m. at the Methodist Church. Baby service will take care of the youngsters while various problems are discussed informally.

The next meeting of the Circle will be held June 13 at the home of Mrs. Jo Devenish, 2098 Middlebrook road, with Mrs. Velma Piercy acting as co-hostess. Please call Mrs. Devenish at Lomita 2624-J for additional information if you wish to join. Mrs. Devenish held an informal get-together of women of the Circle to sew for the bazaar at her home last night.

THE FOURTH BIRTHDAY of Joseph Arthur Porras, Jr., of 1812 Santa Fe, was the occasion for a delightful birthday party May 10 with 12 children attending. The children played several games, including the traditional "pin the tail on the donkey," then enjoyed cake and ice cream, and each received a balloon to take home. Little Joie received many fine gifts including a complete "Honoy" outfit and a tricycle. He kept singing "Tm Hopalong Cassidy" all afternoon.

Guests attending were: Joyce and Garry Chambell, Delba Elliott, Harold Newton, Mickey and Penny Schwartzoff, David Bernudez, Ernestine Hoveida, Irene Michael and Virginia Ramirez, Bobby and Sally Barera, Mary and George Tricas and James Peres.

Mrs. Peres was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Al Hineckel and her sister, Judy Hineckel, and Mrs. Ramirez, Mrs. Newton and Mr. and Mrs. Bernudez.

EPICA ANNE MORGAN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Morgan, 23216 Falena avenue, entertained seven small playmates, including her second birthday, on Friday afternoon. The party was held on the back lawn where the children enjoyed games and played with Epica's dolls and sandbox. While the mothers of the small children enjoyed refreshments of cake and coffee, the children devoured candy, ice cream and cake. The birthday attendees were: Spinner Hay, Penny Holmes, Penny Kessner, Patsy Gardner, Bonnetta Taylor, Rita Ellingsworth and Jeff Verlich.

Mrs. Phyllis Morpan, who gave the party for her little daughter, is an English war bride from London. She has been in the United States three years.

CLAUDE, EDGREN, better known as "Corky," 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Edgren, 1735 235th street, underwent an appendectomy at Torrance Memorial Hospital last week. He is home now and will be confined there for another week.

WE ARE SORRY TO LOSE Mr. and Mrs. Harold DuShane, 23210 Falena avenue, who left Monday, May 8, to make their home in Santa Barbara. Mr. DuShane, who is with the Coast Guard, was transferred, necessitating his leaving Kettler Knolls. Mrs. DuShane's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Pinberg, are occupying their home at present.

A DINNER honoring Mr. and Mrs. Ohio Redwine of Alondra Park was given by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Waterman, 1767 Marinette street, Thursday evening. The Redwines will sail from New York May 24 on the Queen Mary for Holland for a five months' trip and a visit with relatives. Mrs. Redwine, who was born in Holland, has lived in the States three years.

MRS. RUTH EYRICH, 23211 Falena avenue, and Mrs. Dorothy Sullivan, 1934 Reynosa drive, fashion consultant for Emmons Jewelry, entertained a group of ladies last Wednesday evening at the Eyrich home.

Those attending were Mesdames: Josie Jarvis, Georgia Stroub, Jewel Holmes, Betty Pinberg, Leona Wimmel, Phyllis Morgan, and Miss Betty Moran. Refreshments were served at the end of a delightful evening.

A SING for 30 young people of the First Baptist Church of Torrance was held Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Naslund, 1751 Marinette street. Refreshments were enjoyed by the singers.

ON MOTHER'S DAY Mr. and Mrs. Corwin L. Jones, 23115 Falena avenue, and children, Jerry and Janice, visited Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Virel Bolles in San Fernando Valley.

MR. AND MRS. GENE CHAMBERS and son, David, 2732 Martha avenue, went fishing with relatives at Lake Hinshaw over the week-end.

MRS. JANE LOCKETT of 1723 235th street entertained several neighborhood ladies at her home May 10. Attending were Mesdames Bernice Moore, Vivian Wise, Yvonne Bottroff, Vera Lockett, Lucille McCormis, Barbara Grant, Alice Carlson, Dorothy Bollinger, Cathy Bollinger, May Pratt, Martha Pratt and Minnie Olsen.

MR. AND MRS. HERBERT EBERLY, 23107 Falena avenue, spent Sunday with their son in Riverside.

DAVID FOOTE, Reynosa drive at Kathy Way, has just recovered from chicken pox. Now his sister, Linda, has the disease.

LFSLIE AND BONNIE STATTON, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Statton, 23105 Falena avenue, had their tonsils removed Saturday morning, but are feeling as spry as ever now.

OUR APPEAL FOR NEWS paid off this week with many items phoned in. Just remember to keep calling us at Lomita 2161-W. Thanks a million!

## Sister Kenny Workers Needed

More volunteer workers are needed to help in the current Sister Elizabeth Kenny Foundation Campaign. Mrs. Lillian Schaefermeyer, district chairman, revealed this week.

Mrs. Schaefermeyer's area includes Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City, the Shoestring Strip and Walteria.

In calling for additional workers, the local chairman knows what the lack of workers can mean. Her daughter, now 17, spent 12½ years in a brace as a result of a polio attack when she was 5 weeks old. Mrs. Schaefermeyer herself was a victim of the disease.

During the epidemic in 1948 and 1949, Mrs. Schaefer Meyer donated many hours of service



ECHO OF THE PAST . . . The rumble of the wheels of the Welcome Wagon sounded again this week as Mrs. Helen Mitchell brought the modern version of the Welcome Wagon to greet two Torrance newcomers—Mr. and Mrs. Roland Harless of 4236 West 182nd street. (Herald photo).

## EWALT SOLE NOMINEE TO HEAD LIONS

The Turning of Welcome Wagon wheels is heard in Torrance

Welcome Wagons, a glorious tradition of the early days of our country, was revived in Torrance last week.

Several housewives going busily about the job of settling in new homes heard a knock on their doors last Monday.

"Not even moved in and here comes the first peddler," commented one new-home owner.

But as she opened the door she found not a door-to-door salesman with a kitchen gadget to sell, but instead a friendly, sociable, neat business-like woman selling an entire city—Torrance.

This was Mrs. Helen Mitchell, trained and skilled in making newcomers to Torrance feel at home. Under her arm she carried a basket containing several gifts, many of them wrapped, but none with any strings attached. There was a refrigerator dish, a squeegee for the hubby's dew-covered windshield, a plate scraper, a phone pad and pencil, a month's subscription to this newspaper, two theater tickets and other gifts—all useful around a new home.

The newcomer to Torrance was presented with a map of the city, she was told of the bus schedules and fares, she was informed of the days that garbage and cans would be collected, she was told of the location of the water department, the Edison Company, the library, the Chamber of Commerce, the Red Cross, the two hospitals and the location of the nearest church to which the new Torrance resident belonged.

This idea of welcoming newcomers to the city is as old as the west itself. Years ago as wagon trains of hungry, travel-weary settlers moved across the plains to settle in the west, the farmers and settlers along the way would ride out to meet the wagon trains. They brought water and food and as they would approach the trains there would arise a shout, "Here comes a welcome wagon."

With the advent of railroads the idea died out until 1928, when it was resurrected by a Tennessee newspaperman named Tom Briggs.

His idea to revive the welcome wagons started with a humble beginning and grew until there are more than 4000 Welcome Wagons in the U.S., Canada, South America and soon in France.

Briggs' plan differs in one respect from most other advertising schemes and it is in that one respect that the success of the plan thrives—it has been

Albert Ewalt, who was the only nominee for the presidency, is practically assured of the office because no further nominations can be made, club officials say.

Unopposed for the first vice-president's office was Paul Diamond, whose election is likewise assured.

Ewalt is first vice-president and Diamond second vice-president this year. Dr. Don C. Moskos is retiring president.

L. Milton Isbell, John Ott, and F. S. Selover were nominated to run for the office of second vice-president.

Sole nominees for secretary and treasurer of the Lions for the coming year were: Fred Boren and Ken Olson. Lowell Spring is unopposed for Tail Twister, and Warren Hamilton for Lion Tamer.

Two directors will be elected from a slate of four nominees. Up for directorships are C. B. Walls, Roy Peterson, Henry Berkowitz, and Merlin R. Cook.

Dr. Rollin R. Smith, Albert Isen, and W. B. Hiecock—all past presidents of the club—completed the nominating committee.

called a plan with a heart and soul.

And so many new arrivals in Torrance will discover in the months to come as the Welcome Wagon approaches to leave gifts from 12 sponsors and useful information about our town.

Mrs. Mitchell seems well qualified to take the reins of the Welcome Wagon. She has lived in Torrance for 18 years—knows its people, its customs and its ways.

Among Mrs. Mitchell's sponsors are Frank's Furniture Co., Howard's Jewellers, Flowers by Nadine, Tweed Jolly Insurance, Torrance Hardware, National Home Appliance Co., Schilling's Dry Cleaners, Stone and Myers Mortuary, Los Angeles Examiner, Torrance Herald, National Paint and Wallpaper Co. and Torrance Theater.

Mrs. Mitchell lives at 1317 Acacia and may be reached by phoning Torrance 1081-M.

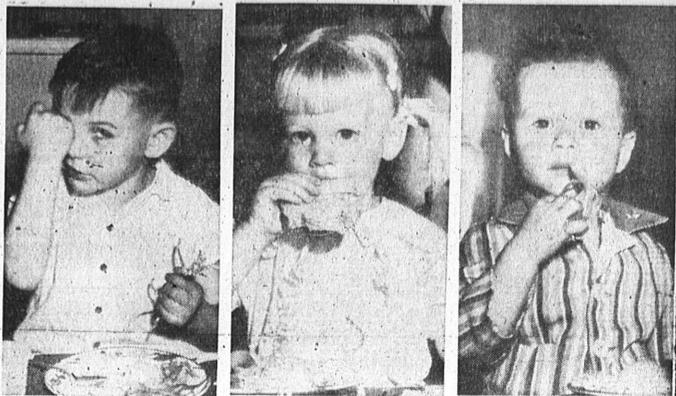
The next time you see the Welcome Wagon lady leaving a home and the basket under her arm is empty, you can be assured that she is strolling away from someone who is feeling mighty welcome and harboring a warmer feeling for the city and people of Torrance.

## Hillel To Give Program Tonight

Students of the Hillel Council of the University of Southern California will present an hour program tonight, at 111 South Catalina Avenue, Redondo Beach, at 8:30.

The program will consist of Israeli and Hebrew songs, skits and folk dances. This group is part of the religious conference which is attempting to stimulate in young people an interest in their own religious activities.

Sponsoring the students will be other four major Jewish organizations of this district—the South Bay Area Lodge No. 1824, B'nai B'rith, Temple Menorah of Redondo Beach; Gardena Jewish Center; and the Centinela Valley Jewish Center of Hawthorne.



DEAN RUSSELL . . . Not Hungry  
CATHY RIPPY . . . Only So, So  
SCOTTY TRIPLETT . . . Fibbbbbb

## Brother of Local Man In 'Exercise Swarmer' Tiny Tike Luncheon Turns Into A High School Picnic for 10

Pfc. Teddy Gallagher, brother of Marvin Gallagher of 20912 Margaret street, is among the approximately 4000 troops of V Corps and its attached units participating in the biggest air-ground maneuver in history—Exercise Swarmer.

Total personnel engaging in the maneuver will approach 60,000 including men from every state in the Union.

Girls taking a class in Child Care at Torrance High School had their final test this week—feeding and entertaining 10 tiny tots from two to five years of age.

"The luncheon," said the girls, "was a picnic."

There were the usual childhood problems that the girls had to solve—little Susie didn't want her orange juice until Johnny drank it; tiny Bobby wanted to eat the decorations.

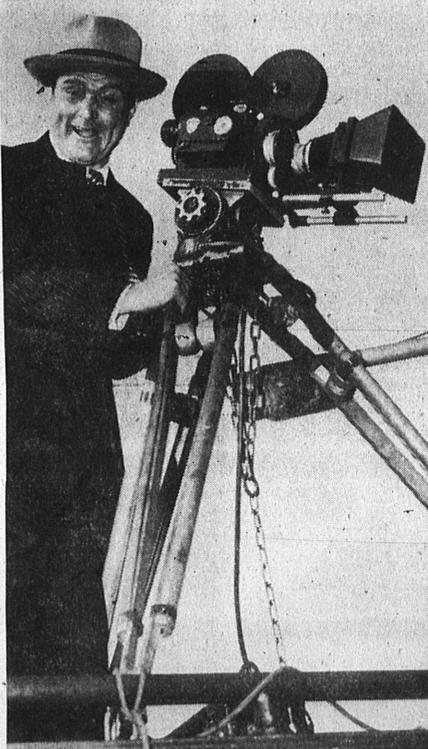
and Billie wanted to hear the balloon go fflubbbbbb.

Refereeing the affair was Mrs. Betty McKown, home-making instructor, who has been prepping the girls for the "final test."

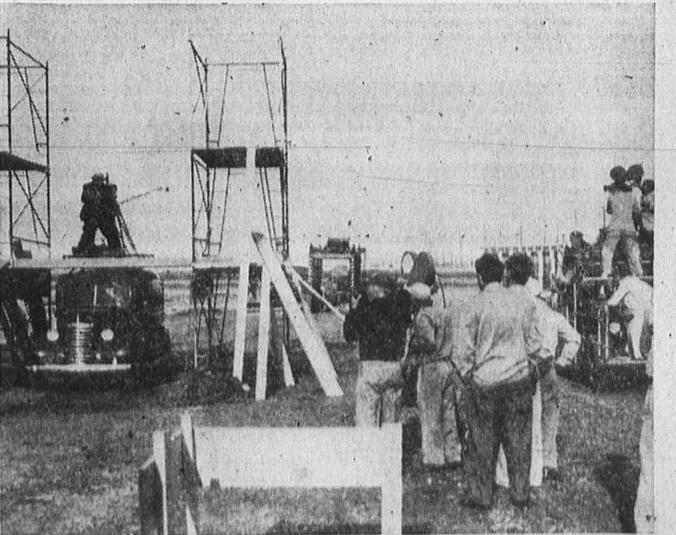
The undertaking was a class project with the girls doing the planning, shopping and preparing the food.

Enrolled in the class are: Wilma Speck, Joy Sumpter, Moana Ahlstrom, Ramona Johnson, Terry Raleigh, Bonnie Galloway, Nancy Harris, Jeanne Adams, Billie Carrizosa and Wanda Holloman, Armida Carrizosa, Nadine Stitzel, Peggy Wilson, Ruth Bessley, Lavonne Vance, and Marilyn Williams.

Loaned for the occasion were tiny tikes Patricia Lilly, Douglas Conk, Penny Ann Taylor, Maria Castenic, Linda Wallace, Douglas Steinbaugh, Scotty Triplett, Dean Russell, Linda Wilson, Belita Pena, Cindy Holloman, and Cathy Rippey.



FAMOUS MUG . . . Comedian "Red" Skelton, star of M-G-M's "Watch the Birdie," mugs-it-up for a Torrance Herald cameraman. The movie company was using a housing development at 190th street and Crenshaw boulevard last week as a background for a gag in a picture in which Skelton plays the part of a movie cameraman. (Herald photo).



HIGH AND DRY . . . Local movie fans who see M-G-M's "Watch the Birdie," may recognize this scene in the picture, which was taken at a new home development adjacent to the General Petroleum refinery last week. In the movie, "Red" Skelton, as a movie cameraman, is standing atop a truck shooting pictures when the truck passes beneath a scaffold. Happening only as it does in the magical movies, Skelton is setaped off onto the scaffold and utters the punch line of the scene: "Hey, come back here." (Herald photo).